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The Meet the Barony Issue

THE BARONY OF DRAGONSSPINE

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News Bites

Greetings!

Dragonsspine Champions and Investiture was held this past weekend. Congratulations to all the Champions, Their Excellencies, and all the award recipients. The Dirty Dozen Donation Derby (aka 4D) to fill the largess coffers for the new Coronet and for our Crown was held as well. It was a tremendous success. We received 34 dozens from 14 entrants, including 4 folks who went Over the Top with 6 dozens each! Our top finisher was Jabr'il Attar with an Over the Top entry of Bling. I'd like to thank everyone who entered. If you missed seeing the items, you can see pictures here.

Thank you to everyone who participated and created such beautiful items for largess! Your generosity and your talents are truly a blessing to the kingdom.

- Jabra'il Attar, Caerthe, Theme: OTT – Bling
- Mika Longbow, Dragonsspine, Theme: Dragon Eggs
- Ormr Bogsviegr, Dragonsspine, Theme: Lucets
- Abigail MacNaught, Dragonsspine, Theme: Embroidered Hoods
- Adelaisa Bernois, Dragonsspine, Theme: OTT – Things to make you happy
- Laurentz von Rothenstein, Dragonsspine, Theme: Bottle Openers
- Alikina Filia Elpin, Dragonsspine, Theme: Hair Clasps
- Raisa Zaplatskaya (Patches), Dragonsspine, Theme: OTT – Get it out of my house!
- Duchess Selene of the Sky, Dragonsspine, Theme: OTT – Non-Heraldic - Decorative Patches
- Heather Lionell, Aarquelle, Theme: Veil/Hat Pins
- Suzanne Miller, Aarquelle, Theme: Cup Covers
- Amice de Clara, Aarquelle, Theme: Glycerine soap (Mint and Coffee)
- Leofsige O Caoimh (Lyssa), Dragonsspine, Theme: Marbles
- Ealusaid Inghean Mhaoil Cholum, Aarquelle, Theme: Bubbles (non-entry contribution)
- Anonymous, Anonymous, Theme: Stags (non-entry contribution)

Thank you to the folks who helped to make this happen: Bronwen of Hindscroft for encouragement and support; Ormr Bogsviegr and Rosalinn Gunn (and family at their first event!) for set up, extra tables and sunshade, and helping keep me on track during the day; Jabra'il Attar for ensuring I knew to plan for OTT right from the beginning; Sir Alaric for extra tables; Duchess Maimuna for picking up the items for Their Majesties; Kiara Loftus and Gianni Sangermano for planning a wonderful event at which we were able to host the 4D; and to Their Excellencies and all the candidates for supporting and being excited. To all the folks who appeared to help with setup and tear down, thank you so much! And to Aldgudana Gunnarsdottir, Tir Righ, An Tir, for creating and sharing this wonderful idea!

There was such interest and e njoyment that we'll do this again. If you weren't able to finish, keep working and you can contribute next time or contribute directly to the Crown or a Coronet near you. Look for information in the next few months and a couple of 4D's of various themes next year.

In Service,

THL Lêofsige Õ Caoimh known as Lyssa

Barony of Dragonsspine

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Status of Heraldry Submissions

By Duchess Selene of the Sky

Mar. 28	N: Abigail Mac Naught	being decided
	B: Adelaisa Bernois	being decided
	N: Antoine de Vallier	being decided
	D: Antoine de Vallier	being decided
	N: Arngerdr Hergierrdottir	being decided
	N: Date Chotaro Motohisa (previously - Conall Og …)	being decided
	D: Date Chotaro Motohisa (previously - Conall Og …)	being decided
	N: Ellisif Hergierrdottir	being decided
	N: Gianni Sangermano	being decided
	D: Gianni Sangermano	still in discussion -
	N: Hergierr Edvinson	
	N: Mathilde Bouret	decided - in proofreading
	D: Mathilde Bouret	decided - in proofreading
April 26	D-R: Isabeau de Bernac	in Commentary
June 20	D:Abigail MacNaught	

Exeter Riddle #13

I saw ten in all, roaming the greensward,
six brothers strutting with their sisters;
they had living spirits. A garment of skin -
there was no mistaking it - hung on the wall
of each one's house. And none were worse off,
nor their movements more painful, though
they must gnaw at the grey-green shoots,
robbed of their garments, roused by the might
of the guardian of heaven. New clothing
is furbished for those who before walked out naked;
they scatter and roam over the land.

Exeter Riddle #14

I was once a warrior's weapon.
Now a noble young retainer
dresses me in threads of twisted gold
and silver. At time men kiss me,
at times I summon close friends
to do battle; a horse sometimes bears me
over the earth, sea-horses sometimes
sweep me, gleaming, over the ocean;
now and then a maiden, ring-adorned,
replenishes my paunch. I must lie on planks
at times, plundered, hard and headless;
often, gold-garbed, I hang on the wall
above drinking warriors, a splendid sight,
instrument of war. Covered in riches,
I draw in breath from a brave man's lungs
when retainers ride towards battle.
At times I tell proud warriors
that wine is served; at times rally them,
save booty from hostile men, drive off
the enemy. Now ask me my name.

Upcoming Events

5-7 Sept Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Festival—Hawk's Hollow

6 Sept Mountain Pas & Highland Games—Bryngolau

11-14 Sept Academy of Grace and Valor—Caerthe

12-14 Sept Clan Wars—Nahrun Kabirun

20-21 Sept Santa Fe Ren Fair Demo—Drygestan

21 Sept Tournament at Piper's Keep/Baronial Polling—Fontaine dans Sable

26-28 Sept al-Barran Champions—al-Barran

4 Oct Aarquelle Defender—Aarquelle

4 Oct Windkeeps XXX Anniversary—Windkeep

11 Oct Sworded Affair—al-Barran

18 Oct Newcomer's Silver and Godl—Unser Hafen

25 Oct Just Desserts—Caerthe

25 Oct St. Golias Feast Day—St. Golias

1 Nov Fontaine Toy Box and Baronial Investiture—Fontaine dans Sable

1 Nov Windkeep's XXX Anniversary Celebration—Windkeep

1 Nov Danse Macabre—Caer Galen

8 Nov Coronation—Bryngolau

15 Nov Day of A&S—al-Barran

15 Nov Toys for Tots—Caer Galen

2 Nov Dragonsspine Baronial A&S Competition—Dragonsspine

Baronial Buisness Meeting Minutes

Date: 8-4-2014

Exchequer: We did extremely well at Investiture/ Champions. Fund request forms will be re-implemented. thank you for the Lady Abbigal for stepping up as Exchequer.

A person note from Master Duncan: Thank you to everybody who has supported all of the incoming and out going officers.

Arts and Science: Our own wonderful Chronicler, Adelaisa, sponsored the 4D competition at Investiture/ Champions. There were 36 dozen items entered. We don't have an A&S event on the calendar, yet. Please submit your bid as soon as possible. The Royal Outland Inter –Kingdom University (ROIU) is going very well. Please contact ThL Bronwen or Lady Amecia (Elena De Braci) for any ideas for new classes or if you wish to teach a class. If you have any projects that you are working that you care to share with the barony, please email ThL Bronwen.

Knight Marshal: Please check your authorization cards. Several cards will be expiring soon. Please contact your local marshal to re-authorize. Congratulations to HE Lothar for stepping up in temporarily while we are still in search for a Knight Marshal. Please submit your letters to Lord Gianni and Their Excellencies.

Rapier Marshal: Don Antione is working on melee drills at practice to help our fighters prepare for Battlemoor. Everybody has been trained and authorized so far. There are Field Marshaling Authorizations in progress, please see an authorizing marshal for more details. The position of Rapier Marshal is still open. Please send all letter of interests to Lord Gianni and Their Excellencies.

Congratulations to Lord Robert for stepping up as the Northern Deputy of Cut &Thrust. If you would like to learn more, Please ask Robert.

MOL: There were 28 archers at the Archery shoot. Earl Mika had won the over all shoot. There were 15 heavy fighters at Champions. Duke Veron won the over all tournament. There were 15 Rapier fighters present. Algenon won the over all tournament.

Captain of Archery: Shooting Archery as the weather will allow. There is a new Captain of the Archers. Please welcome and congratulate Bernard.

Chronicler: The latest issue of the newsletter should be out soon. Please speak to Adelaisa about any submissions that you wish to put in the Meassis Dragon. She will be taking pictures for the newsletter but will need written permission. Please see her about release forms.

Web Minster: Investiture has been taken down and Crown has been put up. Please see Lord Fear if you are stepping up as a new officer to update the website and to make sure e-mails are directed to the right people. The newest addition of a baronial calendar is in progress and should be up and running soon. Please email the web minister if there is anything that needs to be updated on the website.

Herald: There were several new awards that were given out at Investiture/ Champions. If you have not registered your name yet, please see Duchess Selene. If you are still waiting on a response regarding your submission, please see Duchess Selene. There will be official letters going out to the populous once your submission has passed. The first 3 Tuesdays of the month, Her Grace will at the Village Inn near her house. Please keep your eyes on the list for times of availability with Duchess Selene.

Scribe: There were lots of scrolls sent out (several by Nezumi Rei). If you happen to receive a scroll at Investiture/ Champions, please take a picture of it so that we can show off our wonderful artisans work. We can always use scroll blanks. The Kingdom Scribes list is available for sign-up. Please see ThL Aildhicinna for assignments and Scribes Guild meetings. Please watch the list for times and places for scribal classes. Please check out the DragonsSpine's Facebook page gallery for newest scroll displays. Please contact ThL Aildhicina if you have any back scrolls that you would like done or for mentoring on scrolls.

Seneschal: Lord Gianni has stepped up as the new deputy Seneschal. We are still accepting bids for spring and summer events. It's never too early (or too late) to submit a bid for events. Please get you bids in for any events as soon as possible. There is still an opening for Winter Feast. The deadline for bids is next business meeting.

Chatelaine: Still seeking letters of intent. Please submit all Letters of Intent to Their Excellencies and Master Duncan.

Gold Key: We had several newcomers come in and lots more garb to fill the need. Please see Beseeva regarding any new donations to Gold Key.

Quartermaster: The bins and organizers were lots of help. Pictures will be posted up on the website here soon. We need more water jugs and knives. Please keep your eyes on the list for more information.

Baron and Baroness: "Thank you to everybody for having so much confidence in us over the last couple of years." If there are any ideas for events, please submit as soon as possible. Please remember to send in recommendations for awards!

Populace Business:

Dance practice is being held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday starting at 7pm. The new location is at Westside community Center. Right next door to our winter site. Garb is highly encouraged but not required.

Getting to Know You...

Name: Broddi hornabrjotr

Job/Position: Baron

Time in role: 2 weeks

Tell us about your persona: NAME, country of origin, time period, persona history

Broddi hornabrjotr – I am a late 9th Century Viking Merchant from around the South Western Tip of Norway west of present day Oslo – I selected a Viking persona to honor my Scandinavian heritage – During my ventures I went East and West working the trade routes – on one raid in Scotland I acquired Mael Mide, whom I took as a wife.

What are some of your favorites?

My favorite color is green. I have an affinity to the bear, which is the animal I feel the most akin to. I like dogs as well. I am most enamored with the Viking Era.

Do you have personal heraldry? Why this? Does it have any meaning for you?

Yes – Per fess indented vert and sable, four bear pawprints two and two argent. I have an affinity to the bear, which is the animal I feel the most akin to.

What sort of things do you do within the SCA?

Heavy fighting, armoring, brewing and service – I would like to learn archery.

What are your main responsibilities within the Barony?

To make sure the Barony stays solvent, make sure that the people are having a good time; help with conflict mitigation, making newcomers feel welcome and being the show.

What do like most about your job?

What I like most about my job as Baron is the socialization with my friends, enjoying our common interests.

What is the biggest challenge you have faced since you started in this role?

The biggest challenge I have faced is dealing with negative attitudes.

What was your first car?

1990 Ford Ranger

What is your current car?

2006 F-150 Extended Cab Ford Truck

Where is your favorite holiday destination?

Alaska

Which three records would you take on a desert island?

Pink Floyd "The Wall", Metallica "Ride the Lightening" and Led Zeppelin #1

What is your favorite film?

Toss-up between "Blade Runner", "Johnny Mnemonic" and the original "Tron"

What is your favorite book?

"The Wheel of Time Series" by Robert Jordan or "Necroscope" by Brian Lumley

What are your favorite hobbies?

SCA, Miniature War Gaming, Miniature Modeling and Gaming

How did you first get involved in with the Society?

Back in High School – some of my gaming friends and I saw a post somewhere about it and decided to go check it out.

What's your first memory of the Society?

Showing up for an event in the 1980's when everyone was leaving.

Miscellaneous

My favorite meal involves pizza and beer; and my favorite snack food is home-made cookies.

The best time of the day to me is mornings because I like the morning.

I need to have coffee!!! every day.

I am frightened by falling because it makes me feel out of control.

The best holiday I ever had was when I went to Alaska with my father and we went deep sea fishing.

The craziest thing that ever happened to me was marrying my wife, Melissa.

The last thing I purchased was dinner after Fighter Practice.

I would love to travel to Norway and Sweden because I want to visit my ancestral homeland.

Getting to Know All About You…

Name: Máel Mide ingen Domnaill

Job/Position: Baroness

Time in role: 2 weeks

Tell us about your persona: NAME, country of origin, time period, persona history

Máel Mide ingen Domnaill – I picked my first name Máel Mide (pronounced Mul-VEE-tha) based upon its sound and because it is also of Scottish origin and in the correct time period. Domnaill is Scottish for Donald (which is my actual father's name).

I am late 9th Century Scottish – I selected Scottish as I identify strongly with that part of my heritage. My mother's grandmother was from Scotland and my father ancestors comes from an area in Northern England that went back and forth between Scotland and England for much of history– I was acquired during a Viking raid, by one Broddi hornabrjotr… and have since taken on the Viking Persona.

What are some of your favorites?

I like blue, green and purple (mostly cool colors – or fall colors), I like deer and that is the animal I feel the most akin to. I like cats as well. I love leaves – especially in their fall colors. Autumn is my favorite season, followed closely by spring. I like things that grow (flowers, berries, etc) and am very much at peace gardening.

Do you have personal heraldry? Why this? Does it have any meaning for you?

Yes – Per bend vert and sable, a bend between a dragonfly bendwise sinister and a deer's hoofprint bendwise argent; which is a white stripe that goes kitty-corner with green on the top with a dragonfly and black on the bottom with a deer's hoof-print. The deer print for the reason noted earlier and the dragonfly which means to me 'carrying wisdom of transformation with adaptability in life' – it represents renewal.

What sort of things do you do within the SCA?

I like to do hand work like sewing, embroidery, crochet… I like cooking and taking care of people.

What are your main responsibilities within the Barony?

To care of the people within the barony to my best ability, and assure as much as possible that people are having a good time.

What do like most about your job?

Taking care of the people around me – both in my mundane job and in the role I have taken on in the barony.

What is the biggest challenge you have faced since you started in this role?

Being in the limelight…. My roles in most of my life have been in the background, taking care of things and making sure things flow as smoothly as possible.

What was your first car?

1977 Honda Civic (Orange)

What is your current car?

1993 Honda Civic (Blue)

Where is your favorite holiday destination?

South Twin Lake, Waubun, Minnesota

Which three records would you take on a desert island?

Motown's Greatest Hits, Seals & Croft's Greatest Hits, James Taylor's Greatest Hit

What is your favorite film?

Star Trek/Wars/Lord of the Rings – Okay, so that isn't one movie, who can pick one movie?

What is your favorite book?

Wheel of Time/Chronicles of Narnia/Harry Potter – Again, who can pick one?

What are your favorite hobbies?

Gardening/ Handiwork

How did you first get involved in with the Society?

I met Broddi

What's your first memory of the Society?

Fighter Practice at Bear Creek Park – My first event was "Baron's War"

Miscellaneous

My favorite meal involves seafood and my favorite snack food is anything salty or cherry flavored.

The best time of the day to me is after 10 pm because the house is quiet and no one needs anything from me.

I need to have ice water every day.

I am frightened by spiders (actually I just don't like them and they creep me out. If they are really big I would probably scream for a long time).

My favorite movie of all time is … it is a toss-up between "Lord of the Rings" (one 12 hour movie) and "Singing in the Rain".

The best holiday I ever had was when I went to Israel with my three boys and we spent three weeks with my parents there visiting the Holy land; Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, and the Baha'i Holy Places in Acre and Haifa.

The craziest thing that ever happened to me was arriving in Mumbai, India without any plan on how to get to Panchgani, India to visit my son at school – this is a 254 km trip with an estimated 5 hour travel time.

The last thing I purchased was the Carcassonne Board Game.

I would love to travel to Great Britain because of the history there.

Getting to Like You...

Hello wonderful populous of DragonsSpine. My name is Lady Elora Von Effyn. I am the Head Lady in Waiting for their wonderful Excellencies, Broddi and Mael. I have been in the SCA for 5 years but have been playing for much longer in my heart. I strive to keep the dream alive in the SCA and in my mundane life. I have served on several royal retinues and am a great source of information regarding the SCA. I find serving on retinue to be very rewarding and exciting. You get to meet so many new people and learn so many new things. When I'm not serving retinue, you may find me on the Rapier field fighting alongside my fellow DragonsSpinians. My other SCA interests are sewing, lampworking, historical research, and the fine art of Kumihimo. If you ever get a chance to swing by my camp after the day is done, you may even catch me in song or two. Please don't ever hesitate to come talk to me, I'm more than willing to help out when I can.

Name: Duchess Selene of the Sky

Job/Position: Baronial Herald, called the Scalene Pursuivant

Time in role: since July 2012

Tell us about your persona: NAME, country of origin, time period, persona history

When I created my name in 1974, accuracy was not a factor, so it was registered by the Laurel Sovereign of Arms as it was entered by the Kingdom Herald. Albert and I prefer the 14th Century A.D., but without the Black Death. However, we will wear garb from many eras and locations depending on the event and the weather.

What are some of your favorites?

In general, I prefer my heraldic colors of blue, white, and yellow. (Azure, Argent, and Or)

What are your main responsibilities within the Barony?

My main responsibility is the Scalene Pursuivant – helping register names, devices, and badges; tracking these items, and informing my clients regarding the status of their submissions.

What do like most about your job?

I love interacting with the people seeking to register their items, and tracking the status of these items in the heraldic process.

What is the biggest challenge you have faced since you started in this role?

The biggest challenge in this role is to learn "all" about heraldry – which is a never-ending process.

What are your favorite hobbies?

My favorite hobbies (thank goodness this is a plural, because I do not have a single favorite) are autocratting, cooking, sewing, embroidery, wood burning, stenciling, studying/seeking primary sources, drawing, water color painting, and learning more about heraldry. (and attending MileHiCon in Denver.)

How did you first get involved in with the Society?

Duke Albert went to his first tourney as a spectator in 1972, and took me to the next one. He fought in the next one after that. We missed Pennsic I because it conflicted with the science fiction World Con in 1972.

What's your first memory of the Society?

My first memory of the Society is attending a Crown Tourney in Michigan, watching the final fights between Duke Andrew and Count Bearingar. It went on forever, with Duke Andrew finally winning. At the feast that evening Duchess Anne had to feed him because he had 8 broken fingers. Count Bearingar did not attend because he was still being seen by doctors for damaged ribs. My, how things (and standards) have changed for the better!

Miscellaneous

I do not care for poisonous or dead things. I like the usual fluffy things like cats, dogs, ferrets, etc. I also like snakes (used to own 4 or 5 – boas are very nice), and lizards. I leave spiders alone, but do not run from them, and enjoyed holding my daughter's (tame) tarantula).

My favorite movie of all time is (WOW – this is difficult – this needs a list, and even then it can't be complete: The Great Race, The Producers, The Lord of the Rings, Outlander (but I don't re-watch this one), The Three Musketeers approx.1972), The Fourth Musketeer (approx.. 1973) because they are SOOOOOO ACCURATE in garb and weapons, Earth Girls are Easy, Back to the Future(s), RED (1 and 2), basically anything I can laugh with, and a few serious ones.

The last thing I purchased was more fabric of course.

I would love to travel to almost anywhere because I like to see new things, and also because I like to renew old memories of places in my past.

Getting to Hope You Like Me...

Name: Bronwen of Hindscroft
Job/Position: MoAS
Time in role: 2 years

Tell us about your persona: NAME, country of origin, time period, persona history

Bronwen of Hindscroft, 11th century celt who is being pulled into the 16th century by Laurels wielding pretty dresses.

Do you have personal heraldry? Why this? Does it have any meaning for you?

Per pale argent and purpure, two phoenixes counterchanged sable and argent each rising from flames proper.

What sort of things do you do within the SCA?

Cook, volunteer, lace, weave, embroider.

What are your main responsibilities within the Barony?

I encourage people regarding Arts and Sciences.

What do like most about your job?

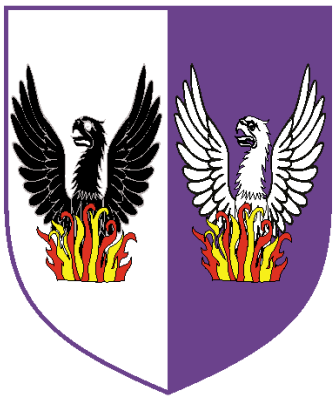
I get to hear about and see all the wonderful things our artisans and crafters are doing!

What is the biggest challenge you have faced since you started in this role?

Trying to get people to tell me what they've done every month.

Where is your favorite holiday destination?

Pennsic



Name: Madame Adelaisa Bernois
Job/Position: Chronicler
Time in role: 6 months

Tell us about your persona: NAME, country of origin, time period, persona history

Adelaisa is a 12th century merchants widow. Her husband left on crusade and is presumed dead. She manages the estate in her husbands absence and fights off the wolves that would take her independence away from her.

What are some of your favorites?

Favorite colors include red, gold, and blue. Favorite foods would be those that contain flavor. 12th century is my focus, but with the influence of my Laurel, the 14th in might interesting as well.

Do you have personal heraldry? Why this? Does it have any meaning for you?

Or, three lilies gules. I wanted simple, historically plausible heraldry. I chose lilies because they are one of the hardiest of the flowers, growing almost everywhere on earth, and yet there is a fragility to them. Lilies can be used as medicine and can bloom even in snow.

What sort of things do you do within the SCA?

I'm putting together a heavy kit, additionally, I enjoy learning new things in the arts and sciences. I'm also part of the Baronial household and serve as a lady-in-waiting for Their Excellencies.

What are your main responsibilities within the Barony?

My job is to report and collate the the business of the Barony, the Kingdom, and the Society. I try to educate, to inspire, to dream. I share some of what interests me in hopes that it will give someone else a spark to take their craft further, to pique interest, or to spread the glory of the Barony to the far reaches of the internet.

What do like most about your job?

It's different every month. I get to collate all this information and decide what needs to be shared now, and what can wait until next time.

What is the biggest challenge you have faced since you started in this role?

Finding timely information. In the age of the internet, so much is shared and irrelevant by the time my newsletter comes out. So finding the relevance for the reader can be a challenge.

What was your first car?

1997 Saturn SL1

How did you first get involved in with the Society?

I was in a play. No, really, I was! I was in *A Midsummer's Night Dream* and several of the cast were going to an SCA event during the day and then returning at night for performances. I followed them, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Miscellaneous

You will rarely find me in a picture—because the camera is usually in my hand.

My favorite meal involves ethnic foods and my favorite snack food is no-bake cookies.

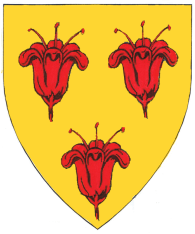
There comes a point when you just need to get the job done. The trick is making sure you have the energy to do so when that time comes.

I am frightened by dead things and snakes and this makes my skin crawl and scream like a little girl.

My favorite movie of all time is Lord of the Rings (If I have to pick only one. And only in the right mood—otherwise—there are plenty more.)

The last thing I purchased was camping supplies.

I would love to travel to Zanzibar Island because I almost got to go there but the trip got canceled due to airline issues. I have my spot on the beach all picked out.



Getting to Know You...

Name: Herr Sixtus Goetz
Job/Position: Baronial Marshal (Knight Marshal of Dragonsspine)
Time in role: Just over 1.5 years

Tell us about your persona: NAME, country of origin, time period, persona history
Herr Sixtus Goetz is named after Pope Sixtus I, the sixth Pope of the Catholic religion. The persona of Sixtus is of a German Lord residing in Munich Germany. Herr is the German title equivalent to the English title Lord. The timeframe when he lives is approximately 1375. His last name, Goetz (pronounced "Getz") comes from a mundane family name that is traced back to the 15c Germany. His main interests are tournamenting, discussions of the medieval mindset, and viewing the crafts of his fellow Lords and Ladies.

Within the confines of the SCA, Herr Sixtus is a squire to Duke Garick von Kopke KSA and, also, a member of the household Ravens Keep, which is founded under Master Mael Marden OL.

Do you have personal heraldry? Why this? Does it have any meaning for you?
My personal and registered heraldry is, Per pale Or and vert, a chevron cotised counterchanged. The meaning of this heraldry is twofold. In most of the fighting companies where I belong, I am considered a sergeant which has a chevron. In addition, the colors green and gold are of the greatest kingdom, that of the Outlands!

What are your main responsibilities within the Barony?
My main responsibilities within the Barony are to make sure all participants of all martial activities are done as safe as possible within the confines of the rules. I oversee the Armoured, Rapier, and Combat Archery for the martial portion and also Target Archery. Concerns about safety, practice, or rules interpretations should be brought up to my position when clarification is needed. I will be glad to elevate a matter if I do not know the correct response.

How did you first get involved with the Society?
I, originally, started playing with the SCA in 1994-1995 right here in Dragonsspine. The group I played with became inactive and I moved shortly after. I started playing again in the Kingdom of Drachenwald in 2001 as an active participant. When there, I resided in the shire of Flintheath in the British Isles. During my time there, I was the Knight Marshal and Deputy Seneschal. I also traveled quite extensively to events all over the kingdom including Sweden, Germany, and Scotland.

Since then, I moved to the Outlands in 2004 I have continued to be a fairly active. I did take a small break between late 2008 and early 2012 as temporarily moved for work in Outremer (Kuwait City). Since 2012, I have been a modestly active local participant.

Wars I have participated in Nibelungen War, Double Wars, Estrella, Barons War, and multiple Pennsics.

Getting to Know All About You...

Name: Alikina filia Elpin
Job/Position: Baronial Scribe (and current dance-practice leader)
Time in role: Scribe – approx. 3 years, dance – since June

Tell us about your persona: NAME, country of origin, time period, persona history
THLady Alikina is from what is now the Highland region of Scotland (specifically near Argyllshire) during the 10th century, a time when the British Isles had various groups of Britons, Vikings, Celts, Picts, and Saxons all attempting to settle, trade, or expand at the expense of their neighbours. Alikina is primarily of Scots descent but can trace some of her lineage as far as the Icini on the coast of Britain in the 1st century A.D., and more recently to Ivar the Boneless, a Viking of the previous century. This year Alikina is a legal adult – I've been playing for 21 years! I wanted a spelling of my name that was different from my mundane name or was close but not the same name, but it proved too hard to document more interesting spellings to the same time period as the family name Elpin or Alpin (which means 'from the hills – same root as 'Alpine'), so I went with the 'you can use part of your legal name' rule so I could finally get my device passed.
What are some of your favorites?
Green, copper, iridescent, plaid, deep red, black. Roses, daffodils, oak, hawthorn, owls, butterflies, hummingbirds, and this really awesome 'caterpillar' in the margin on a Gothic text that has a body similar to a snail with a cat's head!
I tend to get very excited about really obscure details in artwork of any kind.
Do you have personal heraldry? Why this? Does it have any meaning for you?
Per pale vert & sable, an owl and on a fess urdy argent a rose sable slipped and leaved proper between two oak leaves reversed vert (a pic is on the Outlands who's who) It combines my favourite colour (green), and three favourite 'things' – owl, oak, rose.
What sort of things do you do within the SCA?
Aside from help with stuff when needed? Only one thing – decorate anything I can! Admittedly I'm better in some areas, like calligraphy, illumination, jewellery, and embroidery, than I am in other areas, but I try!
What are your main responsibilities within the Barony?
The scribe has two jobs – to make sure that scrolls are assigned to scribes when the Baron & Baroness require it, and to help anyone who wants to learn aspects of calligraphy and illumination find teaching, materials, and support. Dance minister or dance-practice leader shows up and teaches dance and finds guest teachers to teach at dance practices and as needed at events. I also serve as one of the silent heralds, who sign what's going on in court.
What do like most about your job?
I know who's getting awards and I get to see most of the scrolls close up. We have some incredibly talented artists in Dragonsspine! I also like teaching calligraphy & illumination
What is the biggest challenge you have faced since you started in this role?
My health. I have a condition called Ehler-Danlos syndrome and I have to remind myself that overdoing it is NOT productive.
Which three records would you take on a desert island?
Hmmm – can I just choose a few musical artists? Manowar, Dio, Rainbow, Therion, Dragonforce, Clannad, a lot of Middle Eastern, a lot of Celtic
What is your favorite film?
Fantasia, Princess Bride, & Lost Boys
What is your favorite book?
They're like potato chips – you kind of need a whole bag of them
How did you first get involved in with the Society? The SCA is literally the people my parents warned me about ;) Granted, they had a very warped view of the SCA based on a couple individual encounters with Scadians when I wasn't born or perhaps very young
What's your first memory of the Society? The flyer in the knife shoppe advertising that a new group was starting – after specifically being warned, it caught my eye! Then dance, and then realizing that a lot of stuff I liked, like calligraphy and historical costuming was encouraged!

Miscellaneous
My favorite meal involves Indian food and my favorite snack food is fruit

The best time of the day to me is Not morning because I am definitely an owl.

Hobbies or 'spare time' ? Belly dance, yoga, non-SCA art.

I need to have books every day

Chapter 21 - Hallvard and his brother go after Thorolf.

King Harold was in Vik while Thorolf was harrying, and in the autumn he went to Upland, and thence northward to Throndheim, where he stayed through the winter with a large force. Sigtrygg and Hallvard were with him: they had heard what Thorolf had done at their house on Hising, what scathe he had wrought on men and property. They often reminded the king of this, and withal how Thorolf had plundered the king and his subjects, and had gone about harrying within the land. They begged the king's leave that they two brothers might go with their usual following and attack Thorolf in his home.

The king answered thus: 'Ye may think ye have good cause for taking Thorolf's life, but I doubt your fortune falls far short of this work. Thorolf is more than your match, brave and doughty as ye may deem yourselves.'

The brothers said that his would be put to the proof, if the king would grant them leave; they had often run great risk against men on whom they had less to avenge, and generally they had won the day.

And when spring came, and men made ready to go their several ways, then did Hallvard and his brother again urge their request that they might go and take Thorolf's life. So the king gave them leave. 'And I know,' he said, 'ye will bring me his head and many costly things withal when ye come back; yet some do guess that if ye sail north ye will both sail and row south.'

They made them ready with all speed, taking two ships and two hundred men; and when they were ready they sailed with a north-east wind out of the firth, but that is a head-wind for those coasting northward.

Chapter 22 - Death of Thorolf Kveldulfsson.

King Harold was at Hlada when the brothers went away. Immediately after this the king made him ready with all haste, and embarked his force on four ships, and they rowed up the firth, and so by Beitis-sea inwards to the isthmus of Elda. There he left his ships behind, and crossed the isthmus northwards to Naumdale. The king there took ships belonging to the landowners, and embarked his force on them, having with him his guard; four hundred men they were. Six ships he had well equipped both with weapons and men. They encountered a fresh head-wind, and rowed night and day, making what progress they could. The night was then light enough for travel.

On the evening of a day after sunset they came to Sandness, and saw lying there opposite the farm a long-ship with tent spread, which they knew to be Thorolf's. He was even then purposing to sail away, and had bidden them brew the ale for their parting carousal. The king ordered his men to disembark and his standard to be raised. It was but a short way to the farm buildings.

Thorolf's watchmen sate within drinking, and were not gone to their posts; not a man was without; all sate within drinking. The king had a ring of men set round the hall: they then shouted a war-whoop, and a war-blast was blown on the king's trumpet. On hearing which Thorolf's men sprang to their weapons, for each

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man's weapons hung above his seat. The king caused some to make proclamation at the door, bidding women, children, old men, thralls, and bondmen to come out. Then came out Sigridr the mistress, and with her the women that were within, and the others to whom permission was given. Sigridr asked if the sons of Kari of Berdla were there. They both came forward and asked what she would of them.

'Lead me to the king,' said she.

They did so. But when she came to the king, she said: 'Will anything, my lord, avail to reconcile thee with Thorolf?'

The king answered, 'If Thorolf will yield him to my mercy, then shall he have life and limb, but his men shall undergo punishment according to the charges against them.'

Upon this Aulvir Hnuf went to the room, and had Thorolf called to speak with him, and told him what terms the king offered them.

Thorolf answered that he would not take of the king compulsory terms or reconciliation. 'Bid thou the king allow us to go out, and then leave we things to go their own course.'

The king said: 'Set fire to the room; I will not waste my men by doing battle with him outside; I know that Thorolf will work us great man-scathe if he come out, though he has fewer men than we.'

So fire was set to the room, and it soon caught, because the wood was dry and the walls tarred and the roof thatched with birch-bark. Thorolf bade his men break up the wainscoting and get gable-beams, and so burst through the planking; and when they got the beams, then as many men as could hold on to it took one beam, and they rammed at the corner with the other beam-end so hard that the clasps flew out, and the walls started asunder, and there was a wide outlet.

First went out Thorolf, then Thorgils Yeller, then the rest one after another. Fierce then was the fight; nor for awhile could it be seen which had the better of it, for the room guarded the rear of Thorolf's force. The king lost many men before the room began to burn; then the fire attacked Thorolf's side, and many of them fell. Now Thorolf bounded forwards and hewed on either hand; small need to bind the wounds of those who encountered him. He made for where the king's standard was, and at this moment fell Thorgils Yeller. But when Thorolf reached the shield-wall, he pierced with a stroke the standard-bearer, crying, 'Now am I but three feet short of my aim.' Then bore at him both sword and spear; but the king himself dealt him his death-wound, and he fell forward at the king's feet. The king called out then, and bade them cease further slaughter; and they did so.

After this the king bade his men go down to the ships. To Aulvir Hnuf and his brother he said:

'Take ye Thorolf your kinsman and give him honourable burial; bury also the other men who have fallen, and see to the binding of the wounds of those who have hope of life; but let none plunder here, for all this is my property.'

This said, the king went down to his ships, and most of his force with him; and when they were come on board men began to bind their wounds. The king went round the ship and looked at men's wounds; and when he saw a man binding a surface-wound, he said: 'Thorolf gave not that wound; his weapon bites far otherwise; few, methinks, bind the wounds which he gave; and great loss have we in such men.'

As soon as day dawned the king had his sail hoisted, and sailed south as fast as he could. As the day wore on, they came upon many rowing-vessels in all the sounds between the islands;

the forces on board them had meant to join Thorolf, for spies of his had been southwards as far as Naumdale, and far and wide about the islands. These had got to know how Hallvard and his brother were come from the south with a large force meaning to attack Thorolf. Hallvard's company had constantly met a head-wind, and had waited about in various havens till news of them had gone the upper way overland, and Thorolf's spies had become aware of it, and this gathering of force was on this account.

The king sailed before a strong wind till he came to Naumdale; there he left the ships behind, and went by land to Throndheim, where he took his own ships that he had left there, and thence stood out to Hlada. These tidings were soon heard, and reached Hallvard and his men where they lay. They then returned to the king, and their voyage was much mocked at.

The brothers Aulvir Hnuf and Eyvind Lambi remained awhile at Sandness and saw to the burial of the slain. To Thorolf's body they gave all the customary honours paid at the burial of a man of wealth and renown, and set over him a memorial stone. They saw also to the healing of the wounded. They arranged also the house with Sigridr; all the stock remained, but most of the house-furniture and table-service and clothing was burnt. And when this was done, they went south and came to king Harold at Throndheim, and were with him for awhile.

They were sad, and spoke little with others. And it was so that one day the brothers went before the king, and Aulvir said:

'This permission we brothers claim of thee, O king, that we go home to our farms; for such things have happened here that we have no heart to share drink and seat with those who drew weapon on our kinsman Thorolf.'

The king looked at them, and answered curtly:

'I will not grant you this; ye shall be here with me.'

They went back to their place.

Next day, as the king sat in the audience hall, he had the brothers called to him, and said:

'Now shall ye know of that your business which ye began with me, craving to go home. Ye have been some while here with me, and have borne you well, and always done your duty. I have thought well of you in everything. Now will I, Eyvind, that thou go north to Halogaland. I will give thee in marriage Sigridr of Sandness, her that Thorolf had to wife; and I will bestow on thee all the wealth that belonged to Thorolf; thou shalt also have my friendship if thou canst keep it. But Aulvir shall remain with me; for his skill as skald I cannot spare him.'

The brothers thanked the king for the honour granted to them, and said that they would willingly accept it.

Then Eyvind made him ready for the journey, getting a good and suitable ship. The king gave him tokens for this matter. His voyage sped well, and he came north to Alost and Sandness. Sigridr welcomed him; and Eyvind then showed her the king's tokens and declared his errand, and asked her in marriage, saying that it was the king's message that he should obtain this match. But Sigridr saw that her only choice, as things had gone, was to let the king rule it. So the arrangement was made, and Eyvind married Sigridr, receiving with her the farm at Sandness and all the property that had been Thorolf's. Thus Eyvind was a wealthy man.

The children of Eyvind and Sigridr were Fid Squinter, father of Eyvind Skald-spoiler, and Geirlaug, whom Sighvat Red had to wife. Fid Squinter married Gunnhilda, daughter of earl Halfdan. Her mother was Ingibjorg, daughter of king Harold Fairhair. Eyvind Lambi kept the king's friendship so long as they both lived.

Chapter 23 - The slaying of Hildirida's sons.

There was a man named Kettle Hæing, son of Thorkel earl of Naumdale, and of Hrafnilda daughter of Kettle Hæing of Hrafnista. He was a man of wealth and renown; he had been a fast friend of Thorolf Kveldulf's son, and was his near kinsman. He had been out on that

expedition when forces gathered in Halogaland with intent to join Thorolf, as has been written above. But when king Harold went south, and men knew of Thorolf's slaying, then they called a gathering.

Hæing took with him sixty men, and turned to Torgar. Hildirida's sons were there, and few men with them. He went up to the farm, and made an attack on them; and there fell Hildirida's sons, and most of those who were there; and Hæing and his company took all the wealth they could lay hands on. After that Hæing took two ships of burden, the largest he could get, and put on board all the wealth belonging to him that he could carry; his wife and children also he took, and all the men that had been with him in the late work. And when they were ready and the wind blew fair, they sailed out to sea. A man named Baug, Hæing's foster-brother, of good family and wealthy, steered the second ship.

A few winters before Ingjolf and Hjorleif had gone to settle in Iceland; their voyage was much talked about, and 'twas said there was good choice of land there. So Hæing sailed west over the sea to seek Iceland. And when they saw land, they were approaching it from the south. But because the wind was boisterous, and the surf ran high on the shore, and there was no haven, they sailed on westwards along the sandy coast. And when the wind began to abate, and the surf to calm down, there before them was a wide river-mouth. Up this river they steered their ships, and lay close to the eastern shore thereof. That river is now called Thjors-river; its stream was then much narrower and deeper that it is now. They unloaded their ships, then searched the land eastward of the river, bringing their cattle after them. Hæing remained for the first winter on the eastern bank of the outer Rang-river.

But in the spring he searched the land eastwards, and then took land between Thjors-river and Mark-fleet, from fell to firth, and made his home at Hofi by east Rang-river. Ingunn his wife bare a son in this spring after their first winter, and the boy was named Hrafn. And though the house there was pulled down, the place continued to be called Hrafn-toft.

Hæing gave Baug land in Fleet-lithe, down from Mark-river to the river outside Breidabolstead; and he dwelt at Lithe-end. To his shipmates Hæing gave land or sold it for a small price, and these first settlers are called land-takers. Hæing had sons Storolf, Herjolf, Helgi, Vestar; they all had land. Hrafn was Hæing's fifth son. He was the first law-man in Iceland; he dwelt at Hofi after his father, and was the most renowned of Hæing's sons.

Chapter 24 - Kveldulf's grief.

Kveldulf heard of his son Thorolf's death, and so deeply grieved was he at the tidings that he took to his bed from sorrow and age. Skallagrim came often to him, and talked with him; he bade him cheer up. 'Anything,' (he said) ' was more fitting than to become worthless and lie bedridden; better counsel is it that we seek to avenge Thorolf. Maybe we shall come across some of those who took part in his slaying; but if not that, yet there will be men whom we can reach, and thereby displease the king.'

Kveldulf sang a stave:

'Thorolf in northern isle
(O cruel Norns!) is dead:
Too soon the Thunder-god
Hath ta'en my warrior son.
Thor's heavy wrestler, age,
Holds my weak limbs from fray:
Though keen my spirit spurs,
No speedy vengeance mine.'

King Harold went that summer to Upland, and in the autumn westwards to Valres, and as far as Vors. Aulvir Hnuf was with the king, and often spoke with him about whether he would pay atonement for Thorolf, granting to Kveldulf and Skallagrim money compensation, or such

honour as would content them. The king did not altogether refuse this, if father and son would come to him. Whereupon Aulvir started northwards for the Firths, nor stayed his journey till he came one evening to these twain. They received him gratefully, and he remained there for some time. Kveldulf questioned Aulvir closely about the doings at Sandness when Thorolf fell, what doughty deeds Thorolf had wrought before he fell, who smote him with weapon, where he received most wounds, what was the manner of his fall. Aulvir told him all that he asked; and that king Harold gave him the wound that was alone enough for his bane, and that Thorolf fell forward at the very feet of the king.

Then answered Kveldulf: 'Good is that thou tellest; for 'tis an old saw that he will be avenged who falls forward, and that vengeance will reach him who stands before him when he falls; yet is it unlikely that such good-fortune will be ours.'

Aulvir told father and son that he hoped, if they would go to the king and crave atonement, that it would be a journey to their honour; and he bade them venture this, adding many words to that end.

Kveldulf said he was too old to travel: 'I shall sit at home,' said he.

'Wilt thou go, Grim?' said Aulvir.

'I think I have no errand thither,' said Grim; 'I shall seem to the king not fluent in speech; nor do I think I shall long pray for atonement.'

Aulvir said that he would not need to do so: 'We will do all the speaking for thee as well as we can.'

And seeing that Aulvir pressed this matter strongly, Grim promised to go when he thought he could be ready. He and Aulvir set them a time when Grim should come to the king. Then Aulvir went away first, and returned to the king.

Chapter 25 - Skallagrim's journey to the king.

Skallagrim made him ready for this journey, choosing out of his household and neighbours the strongest and doughtiest that were to be found. One was Ani, a wealthy landowner, another Grani, a third Grimolf and his brother Grim, house-carles these of Skallagrim, and the two brothers Thorbjorn Krum and Thord Beigaldi. These were called Thorорna's sons; she dwelt hard by Skallagrim, and was of magic skill. Beigaldi was a coal-biter. There was a man named Thorir Giant, and his brother Thorgeir Earthlong, Odd Lonedweller, and Griss Freedman. Twelve there were for the journey, all stalwart men, and several of them shape-strong.

They took a rowing-ship of Skallagrim's, went southwards along the coast, stood in to Ostra Firth, then travelled by land up to Vors to the lake there; and, their course lying so that they must cross it, they got a suitable rowing-ship and ferried them over, whence they had not very far to go to the farm where the king was being entertained.

They came there at the time when the king was gone to table. Some men they found to speak with outside in the yard, and asked what was going on. This being told them, Grim begged one to call Aulvir Hnuf to speak with him. The man went into the room and up to where Aulvir sat, and said: 'There be men here outside newly come, twelve together, if men one may call them, for they are liker to giants in stature and semblance than to mortal men.'

Aulvir at once rose and went out, for he knew who they were who had come. He greeted well his kinsman Grim, and bade him go with him into the room.

Grim said to his comrades: ''Tis the custom here that men go weaponless before the king; six of us shall go in, the other six shall bide without and keep our weapons.'

Then they entered, and Aulvir went up to the king, Skallagrim standing at his back. Aulvir was spokesman: 'Here now is come Grim Kveldulf's son; we shall feel thankful to thee, O king, if thou make his journey hither a good one, as we hope it will be. Many get great honour from thee to whom less is due, and who

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are not nearly so accomplished as is he in every kind of skill. Thou wilt also do this because it is a matter of moment to me, if that is of any worth in thy opinion.'

Aulvir spoke fully and fluently, for he was a man ready of words. And many other friends of Aulvir went before the king and pleaded this cause.

The king looked round, and saw that a man stood at Aulvir's back taller than the others by a head, and bald.

'Is that Skallagrim,' asked the king, 'that tall man?'

Grim said he guessed rightly.

'I will then,' said the king, 'if thou cravest atonement for Thorolf, that thou become my liege-man, and enter my guard here and serve me. Maybe I shall so like thy service that I shall grant thee atonement for thy brother, or other honour not less than I granted him; but thou must know how to keep it better than he did, if I make thee as great a man as was he.'

Skallagrim answered: 'It is well known how far superior to me was Thorolf in every point, and he got no luck by serving thee, O king. Now will I not take that counsel; serve thee I will not, for I know I should get no luck by yielding thee such service as I should wish and as would be worthy. Methinks I should fail herein more than Thorolf.'

The king was silent, and his face became blood-red. Aulvir at once turned away, and bade Grim and his men go out. They did so. They went out, and took their weapons, and Aulvir bade them begone with all haste. He and many with him escorted them to the water-side. Before parting with Skallagrim, Aulvir said:

'Kinsman, thy journey to the king ended otherwise than I would have chosen. I urged much thy coming hither; now, I entreat thee, go home with all speed, and come not in the way of king Harold, unless there be better agreement between you than now seems likely, and keep thee well from the king and from his men.'

Then Grim and his company went over the water; but Aulvir with his men, going to the ships drawn up by the water-side, so hacked them about that none was fit to launch. For they saw men coming down from the king's house, a large body well armed and advancing furiously. These men king Harold had sent after them to slay Grim. The king had found words soon after Grim went out, and said:

'This I see in that tall baldhead: that he is brim full of wolfishness, and he will, if he can reach them, work scathe on men whom we should be loth to lose. Ye may be sure, ye against whom he may bear a grudge, that he will spare none, if he get a chance. Wherefore go after him and slay him.'

Upon this they went and came to the water, and saw no ship there fit to launch. So they went back and told the king of their journey, and that Grim and his comrades would now have got clear over the lake.

Skallagrim went his way with his comrades till he reached home; he then told Kveldulf of this journey. Kveldulf showed him well pleased that Skallagrim had not gone to the king on this

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errand to take service under him; he still said, as before, that from the king they would get only loss and no amends. Kveldulf and Skallagrim spoke often of their plans, and on this they were agreed, that they would not be able to remain in the land any more than other men who were at enmity with the king, but their counsel must be to go abroad. And it seemed to them desirable to seek Iceland, for good reports were given about choice of land there. Already friends and acquaintances of theirs had gone thither - to wit, Ingolf Arnarson, and his companions - and had taken to them land and homestead in Iceland. Men might take land there free of cost, and choose their homestead at will.

So they quite settled to break up their household and go abroad.

Thorir Hroaldson had in his childhood been fostered with Kveldulf, and he and Skallagrim were about of an age, and as foster-brothers were dear friends. Thorir had become a baron of the king's at the time when the events just told happened, but the friendship between him and Skallagrim continued.

Early in the spring Kveldulf and his company made ready their ships. They had plenty of good craft to choose from; they made ready two large ships of burden, and took in each thirty able-bodied men, besides women and children. All the movable goods that they could carry they took with them, but their lands none dared buy, for fear of the king's power. And when they were ready, they sailed away: first to the islands called Solundir, which are many and large, and so scored with bays that few men (it is said) know all their havens.

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